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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1149

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BILL AMENDED: Feb 3, 2003

SUBJECT: State Museums and Historic Sites.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Lytle

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill allows the Natural Resources Commission to set, collect, and review admission fees for historic sites. It makes changes to the organization and duties of the Division of State Museums and Historic Sites and the Division's Board of Trustees. The bill also establishes the Historic Site Fund and requires the fees to be deposited in the fund. It provides that at least 51% of the fees collected from a particular historic site must be used for the educational programs conducted at the historic site and for the maintenance and operation of the historic site.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Division of State Museums* - This bill clarifies the duties of the Division of State Museums and Historic Sites, and makes changes to its Board of Trustees. These provisions have no fiscal impact on the Division.

Explanation of State Revenues: (Revised) *Historic Site Admission Fees* - This provision would allow the Natural Resources Commission to set, collect, and review admission fee for historic sites. The fiscal impact of this provision is dependent on administrative action.

According to the Division of State Museums and Historic Sites of the Department of Natural Resources, nine sites are being considered for applying an attendance fee. Attendance at the nine historic sites for CY 2001 was 215,770. The Division is considering a fee between \$3 and \$6 depending on each site's demand and additional services that may be offered. Based on this information, the nine state historic sites' admission fees would generate between \$647,310 and \$1,294,620 in additional revenue.

The Division is also considering exempting from the admission fee groups of school children, which make up a quarter of the attendance among all state historic sites. If groups of school children are made exempt from the fee, the additional revenue generated would decrease to between \$485,483 and \$970,965.

It is possible that two of the state historic sites may not be chosen for the admission fee. Excluding the two sites would decrease the fee revenue by \$132,212 to \$264,425.

The revenue generating potential of a \$3 to \$6 admission fee could range from approximately \$350,000 to \$1.3M, based on attendance. Revenue from an admission fee would be deposited in the Historic Site Operation Fund. The Fund is to be administered by the Division of Historic Preservation and Archeology, and expenses of the Fund are to be paid from the Fund. Money in the Fund will not revert to the state General Fund at the end of the Fiscal Year. Gifts may also be deposited in the Fund.

The bill also designates at least 51% of the admission fees to be used for educational programs conducted at the historic sites and for maintenance and operation of the historic sites.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Natural Resources.

Local Agencies Affected:

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